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## **NEWS RELEASE**

An indictment<sup>1</sup> was filed today against Jose Tomas Rivera, a/k/a "Jose Estrada-Gonzalez," charging him with one count of illegal reentry after deportation and one count of identity theft, announced United States Attorney Zane David Memeger. The indictment alleges that on or about December 14, 2009 through on or about December 22, 2010, Rivera, an alien, and native and citizen of the Dominican Republic, was found in the United States after having been deported from the United States on or about November 30, 2005. The indictment further alleges that, during this period of time, Rivera, used false identification, including a driver's license, a social security card and a birth certificate.

## INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

| NAME              | ADDRESS     | YEAR OF BIRTH |
|-------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Jose Tomas Rivera | Reading, PA | 1968          |

If convicted, the defendant faces a maximum sentence of is 25 years imprisonment, three years of supervised release, a \$500,000 fine and a \$200 special assessment.

The case was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE"), and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Denise S. Wolf.

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